

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 10-11, and 16-19 without prejudice.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Presently amended) A phlebotomy armrest to help facilitate drawing blood from the arm of a patient, comprising:

an armrest supported from below by a universal adjustment arrangement to place the arm of the patient in any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to a supporting surface;

said universal adjustment arrangement including a housing removably mounted to said armrest;

said housing having disposed therein an outer [[split]] ball and an inner [[split]] ball mounted for universal movement relative to one another;

a riser, wherein said inner [[split]] ball having has a first securing arrangement for securing [[a]] the riser to said inner [[split]] ball, wherein said first securing arrangement is mounted on a distal end portion of the riser, and wherein the riser travels along a rectilinear path to raise and lower the armrest to facilitate placing the arm of the patient in said plurality of desired position planes relative to the supporting surface; and

said outer [[split]] ball having ~~another~~ a second securing arrangement for securing said outer [[split]] ball in a fixed position relative to said inner [[split]] ball, and wherein said outer ball includes a control knob for securing said armrest in said any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to the supporting surface.

10. – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Presently amended) The phlebotomy armrest according to claim [[11]] 9, wherein said riser is secured to a single load control lever that facilitates raising and lowering said riser and locking said ~~raiser~~ riser in position so that said armrest is placed in said any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to [[a]] the supporting surface.

13. - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing a patient of a phlebotomy procedure, comprising the steps of:

providing a housing having a plurality of mounting surfaces and having mounted therein a plurality of lockable split balls for providing universal movement, said plurality of lockable split balls including a stationary split ball, a moveable split ball and a locking arrangement that secures said moveable ball in a fixed stationary position relative to said stationary ball;

wherein said plurality of mounting surfaces have mounted thereto an armrest platform to facilitate lockable universal movement of the armrest platform relative to a stationary surface; and

turning said armrest to a desired position, wherein said desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface;

rotating said armrest to another desired position, wherein said another desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface; and

tilting said armrest to yet another desired position, wherein said another desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface.